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EXHIBITING RESISTANCE TO AGRICULTURAL
FUNGICIDAL AGENT

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.

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- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:^{*} the international application as originally filed the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

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 the claims:

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 the drawings:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: T. MOTOYAMA et al., "cDNA Cloning, Expression, and Mutagenesis of Scytalone Dehydratase Needed for Pathogenicity of the Rice Blast Fungus, *Pyricularia Oryzae*," Biosci. Biotechnol. Biochem., 1998, Vol. 62, No. 3, pages 564-566

Document 2: M. NAKASAKO et al., "Cryogenic X-ray Crystal Structure Analysis for the Complex of Scytalone Dehydratase of a Rice Blast Fungus and its Tight-Binding Inhibitor, Carpropamid: The Structural Basis of Tight-Binding Inhibition," Biochemistry 1998, Vol. 37, pages 9931-9939

Document 1 indicates that scytalone dehydratase from the rice blast fungus was isolated and purified, and that the gene that codes the scytalone dehydratase was cloned.

Document 2 indicates that a complex of the abovementioned scytalone dehydratase and carpropamid, which is a scytalone dehydratase inhibitor, was subjected to an X-ray structure analysis, and the results of the analysis show that a plurality of residue groups interact with the carpropamid, thereby tightly binding the scytalone dehydratase and the carpropamid. Specifically,

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document 2 presents the Val-75 group as one of the residue groups involved in the interaction, and indicates that the angle of the primary chain in the Val-75 group is abnormally bent as a result of the bond with the carpropamid (refer to page 9935, right column and fig. 3).

However, document 1 and document 2 do not indicate or suggest that substituting the Val-75 group with methionine would negate the inhibiting action of carpropamid. Furthermore, document 1 and document 2 do not indicate or suggest that the rice blast fungus can be made to exhibit carpropamid resistance by substituting the Val-75 group in said scytalone dehydratase with methionine.

Therefore, the inventions set forth in claims 1-11 of this application are novel, involve an inventive step and have industrial applicability.